



Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 10:30 AM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Please inform an usher if you would like the pastor to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: Saint John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.



Hosanna in the highest!

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS OUTSIDE

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Mark 11:1–11

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

INTROIT Ride On, King Jesus

Spiritual, arr. Nancy Wertsch

The St. John's Choir & Children's Choir

Ride on, King Jesus, no one can a-hinder me,
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no one can a-hinder me.

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse,
The river of Jordan he did cross,

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air,
He calls the Saints from everywhere,

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Please raise your palms for the blessing.

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The assembly processes to the sanctuary singing.

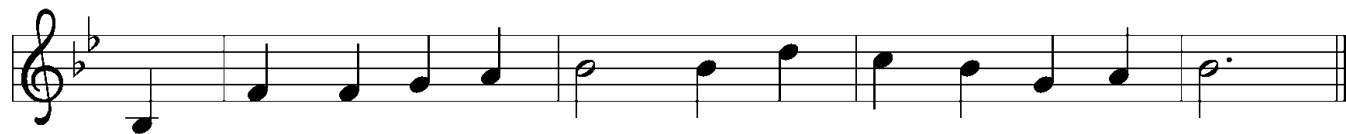


PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

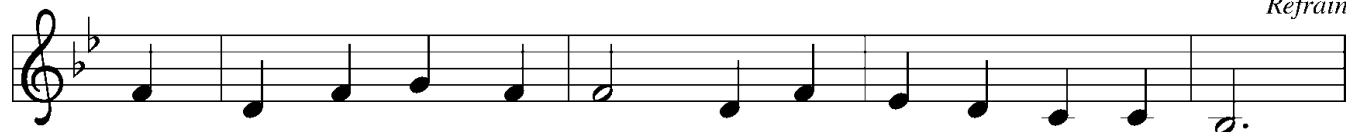


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his suffering, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. **The assembly responds:** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9–16

Choir sings light verses, assembly bold verses.



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- ⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I ¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ¹ and my belly.
- ¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with ¹ sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.
- ¹¹**I am the scorn of all my enemies,
a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.**
- ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out ¹ of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot.**
- ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.
- ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, ¹ O Lord.
I have said, “You ¹ are my God.
- ¹⁵**My times are ¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who ¹ persecute me.**
- ¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your ¹ servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. **The assembly responds:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by choir

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him name that is above every name.

The Passion According to Mark

Mark 14:1—15:47

Text found in the pew Bibles on New Testament page 44

Please remain seated until directed to stand.

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him . . . ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

HYMN ELW 349 Ah, Holy Jesus

Verse 1

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” . . . ³⁰Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

ORGAN INTERLUDE Ah, Holy Jesus

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated . . . ⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

ORGAN INTERLUDE Ah, Holy Jesus

⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire . . . ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

HYMN ELW 349 Ah, Holy Jesus

Verse 2

^{15:1}As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate . . . ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

HYMN ELW 349 Ah, Holy Jesus

Verse 3

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus . . . ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Please stand through the remainder of the Passion.

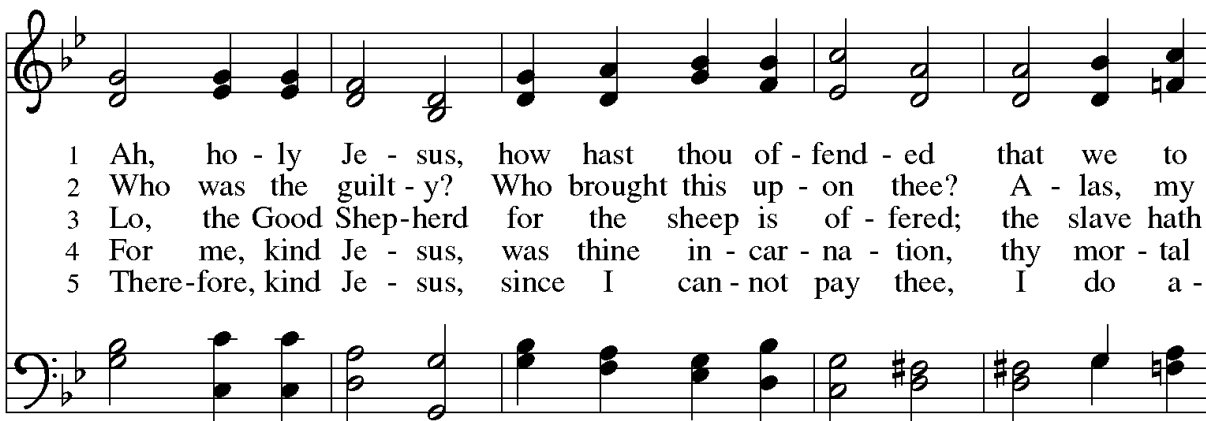
At the conclusion of the Passion, be seated for silent reflection.

Please stand.

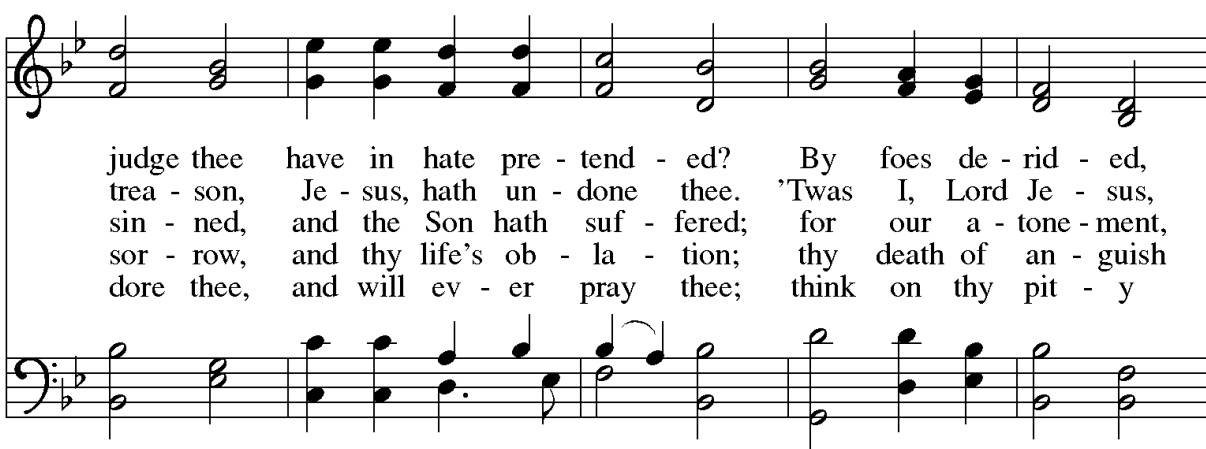
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Verses 4 & 5

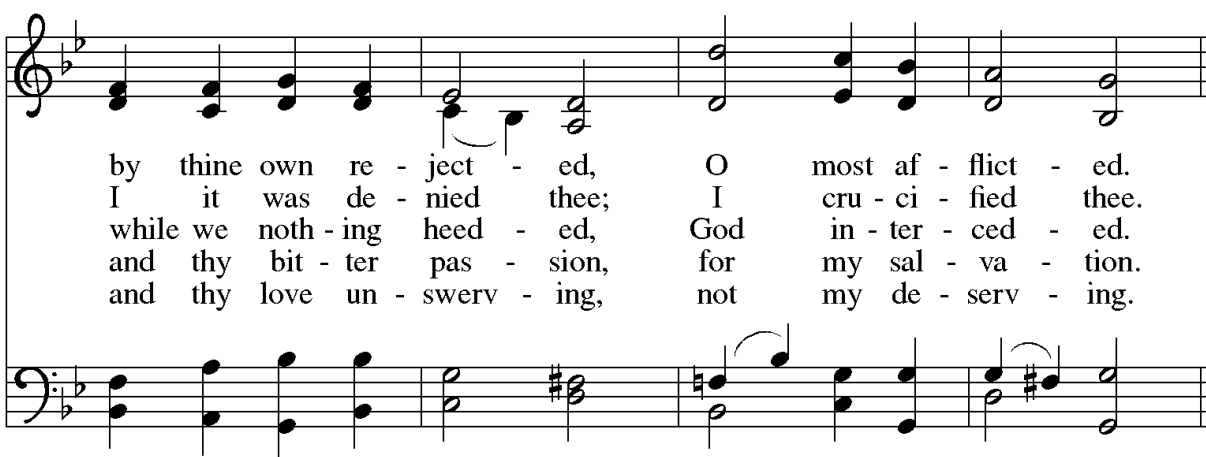
HYMN ELW 349 Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

Please stand.

NICENE CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

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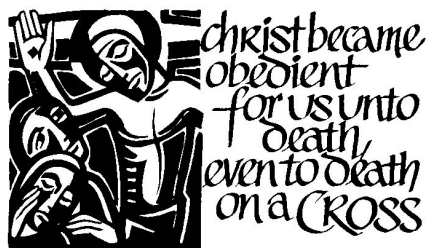
We present offerings for God's mission in the world through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Praise to You, Lord Jesus

Henrich Schütz

Praise to you, Lord Jesus,
who in deepest need, on the cross did suffer for us a bitter death
and reigns with God the Father in eternity,
help us ailing sinners find your blessedness!
Kyrie eleison. Christe Elison. Kyrie eleison.



Please stand.

OFFERING HYMN LBW 95 Glory Be to Jesus

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream

poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.

Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN, Friedrich Filitz, 1804-1876

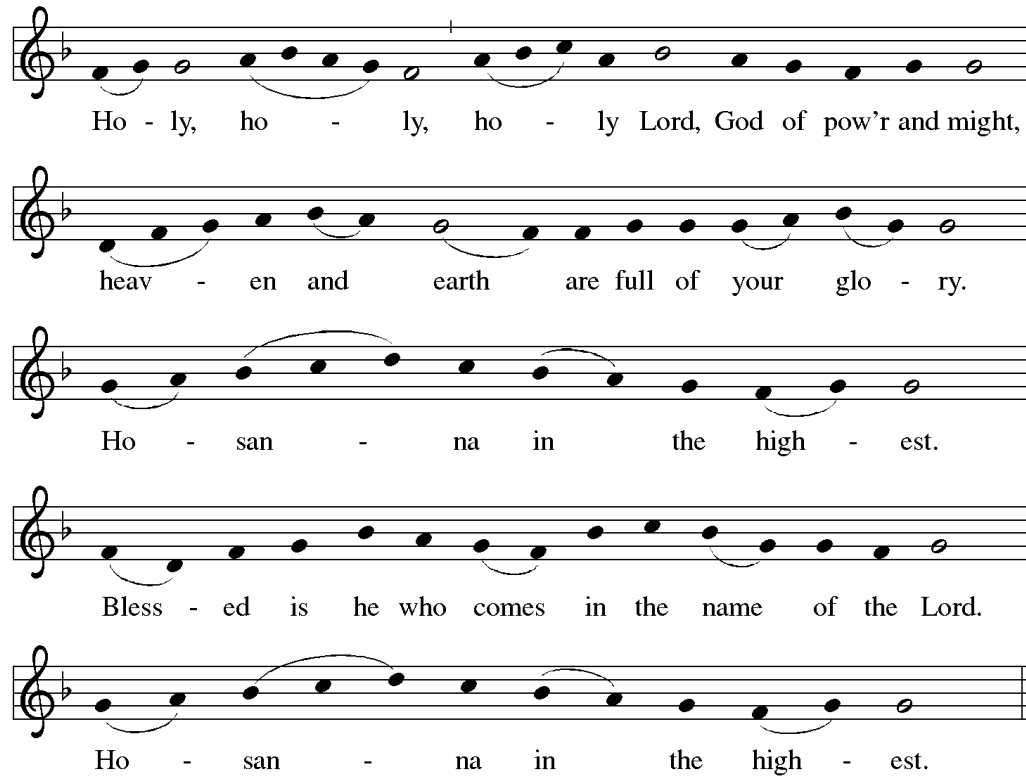
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



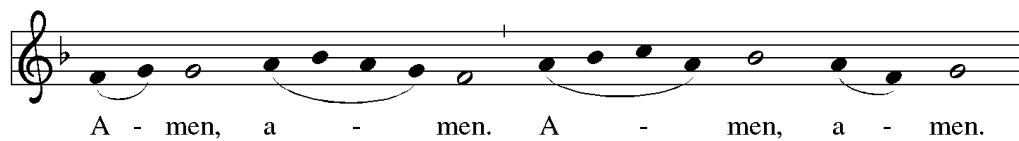
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God . . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



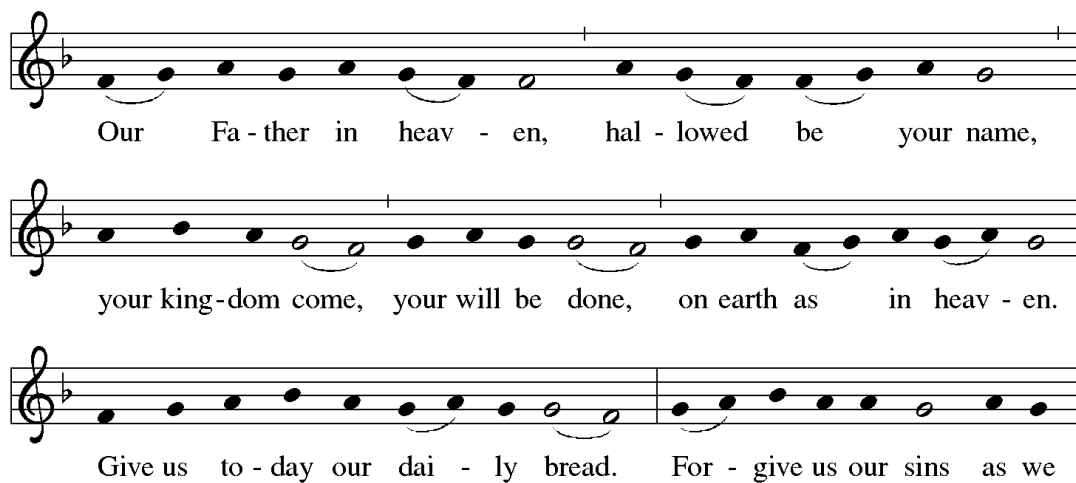
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a-gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command . . . To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Indicate if you need a gluten free wafer. Wine is served from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup. Wine and grape juice are available in pre-filled individual cups.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 357 Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,
 pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for-sak - en in your suf - f'ring:
 from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.
 1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite
 Music: O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG, Nikolaus Decius
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COMMUNION HYMN ELW 337 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - reign die?
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 616 Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
 Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Please stand.

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ELW 811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

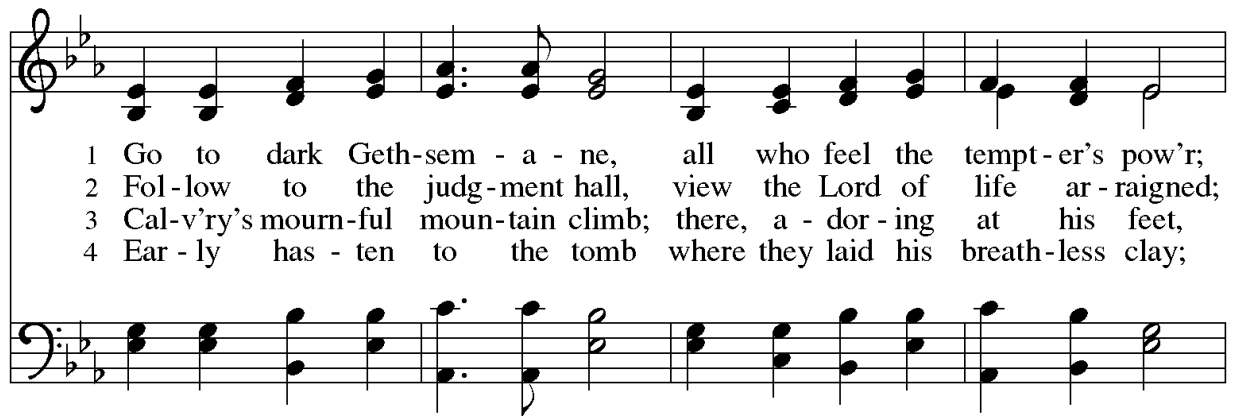
Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

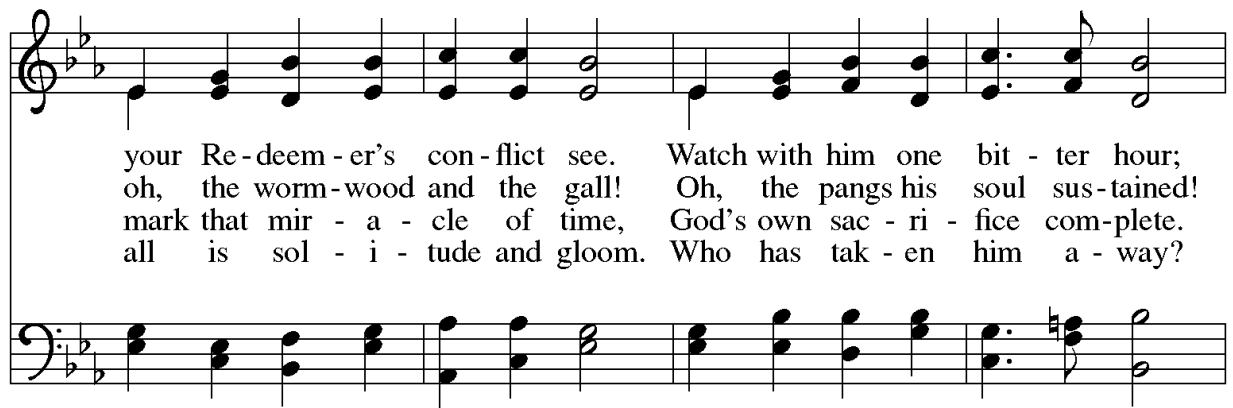
BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

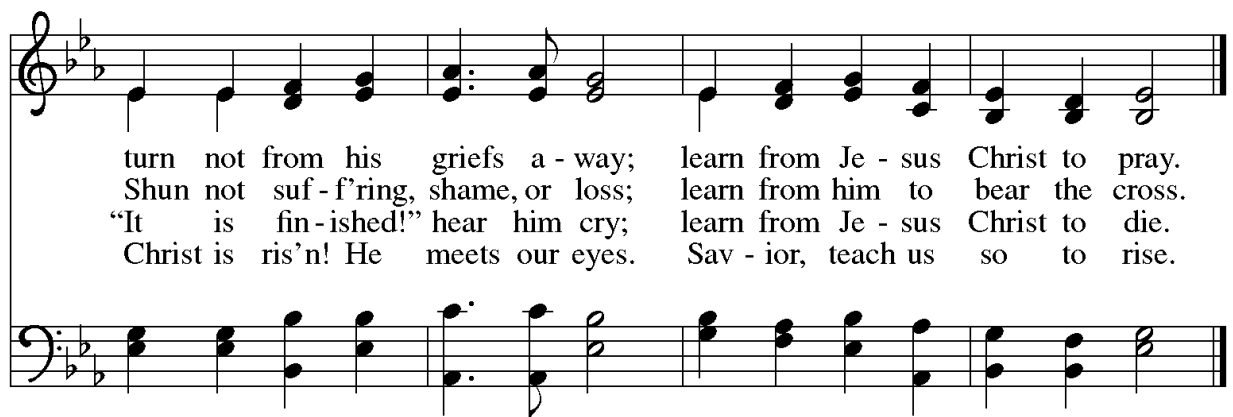
SENDING HYMN ELW 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow in the way of the cross. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653a

J.S. Bach

March 24, 2024

Children's Choir TODAY at 9:30 AM and Faith Formation at 10:00 AM. All children are welcome. Contact Christopher Harlow-Jennings or Deacon Walker for more information.

Lent Collections Update: Thank you to everyone who brought in items for our Lenten collections. We collected 217 boxes of cereal for Loaves and Fishes and 160 bottles of shampoo and conditioner for GRACE.

Help needed for Holy Week services - 9 services in 8 days! We still have a few vital **Holy Week** worship volunteer slots to be filled. Please sign up today! **Ushers—Palm Sunday 10:30 AM and Acolytes—All services (Youth or Adult).** Please sign-up in the weekly email.

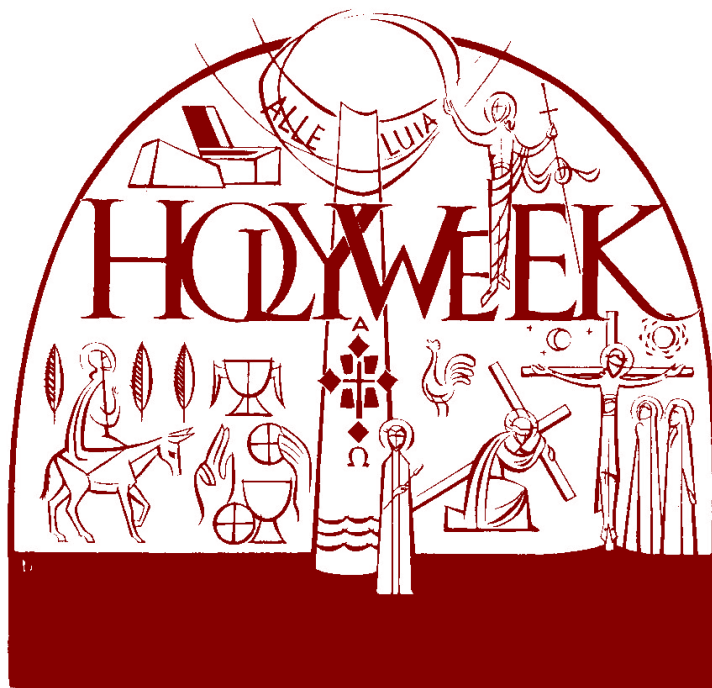
Time & Talent Census due TODAY: Each member is being asked to reflect on their participation in the work of the congregation. Please fill out a Time & Talent Census in the weekly email. For more information about ways to serve, see our Ministry Opportunities Booklet.

Easter Brunch Food Donations: Baked goods are needed by **March 30** and casseroles on **March 31 by 8:45 AM.** Gluten free, nut free, etc. are also needed. Sign up in the rear entry.

Fellowship Time Help Needed: Sign up to provide homemade or store-bought baked goods/bagels, fruit/veggies, and cheese & crackers, etc. This is a major community building endeavor of the church that we all enjoy and requires all of us to help. See the weekly email to sign up.

Afternoon Tea for Cross Roads, April 27 at 3:00 PM: All are welcome and fancy dress is encouraged. Recommended donation for the fundraiser is \$50 per person. See the weekly email to register by **April 12.**

Easter Offering: Your regular offerings and special offerings are essential to this congregation's ministry and the fulfillment of God's mission. Your gifts allow this congregation to thrive as a vibrant place of worship, education, service, and community. We are counting on you to be generous.



Maundy Thursday	March 28
5:30 PM	Children's Service
6:00 PM	Communal Dinner
7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Good Friday	March 29
12:00 PM	Liturgy for Good Friday
7:30 PM	Choral Liturgy for Good Friday
Easter Vigil	March 30
7:30 PM	Festival Worship Service with reception
Easter Sunday	March 31
8:00 AM	Worship Service
9:00 AM	Easter Brunch
9:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 AM	Festival Worship Service

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